

REMARKS

Claims 5, 12, 16, and 22 remain in the application with claim 5 having been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 5 under 35 USC 102, as being unpatentable over Gefvart in view of Ruzicka, Siems et al., and Glover.

As previously stated, the present invention relates to a system for connecting loudspeakers in an audio/video system that employs a number of cables and plugs that are marked so as to be discernable by using colors on shrink wrap tubes and having special plugs that maintain the polarity of the speakers. A feature of the present invention is the marking for discriminating the plurality of connectors and plurality of terminals and specifically employing colored marks that show the discernment near the terminals on a back panel of the electronic apparatus.

Claim 5 has been amended hereby to emphasize the above-noted features of the present invention.

Gefvart provides a sound system with a number of loudspeakers connected to an amplifier in which the connections are arranged corresponding to physical locations of the speakers.

Ruzicka mentions that it is known to use color coding for

connections in a loudspeaker system.

Siems et al. relates to an automobile engine wiring system and is cited for its use of shrink plastic markers used as labels in the wiring system.

Glover relates to an electrical connector system and employs high voltage connectors for installation in a panel cut-out during an in-field retro-fitting operation.

It is respectfully submitted that even though Siems et al. does show shrink plastic markers, there is no reference that shows or suggests using the colored marks that show discernment near the output terminals on the back panel of an electronic apparatus, as recited in amended claim 5.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 12 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Gefvart, Ruzicka, and Siems et al. and further in view of Glover and Lee.

Claim 12 depends from claim 5, which for the reasons set forth hereinabove is thought to be patentably distinct over the cited references and, for at least those very same reasons, claim 12 is also submitted to be patentably distinct thereover.

Lee is cited to show a system in which RCA plugs are provided at the end of a multiple conductor cable.

Nevertheless, Lee does not cure the deficiency of the Siems et al. reference relating to the colored marks that show discernment arranged near the terminals on the back panel of the apparatus.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection claim 16 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Ruzicka in view of Siems et al. and Glover.

Claim 16 recites specifically the colored labels on the speakers along with colored sheets on the output terminals and colored shrink wrap tubing on the cables. It is respectfully submitted that none of the references provide these indicating elements and, in fact, both Ruzicka and Siems et al. would teach away from providing such colored elements.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 22 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Ruzicka, Siems et al., and Glover and further in view of Lee.

Claim 22 depends from claim 16, which for the reasons set forth hereinabove is thought to be patentably distinct over the cited references, and, for at least those very same reasons, claim 22 is also submitted to be patentably distinct thereover.

Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to the

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claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is
respectfully submitted that a multi-channel audio system, as
taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended
claims is neither shown nor suggested in the cited references,
alone or in combination.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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